

Uncle Alex<sup>r</sup>  
most of the  
time. We  
hope he  
does not  
suffer.

Niles Thursday

Dear Mr.

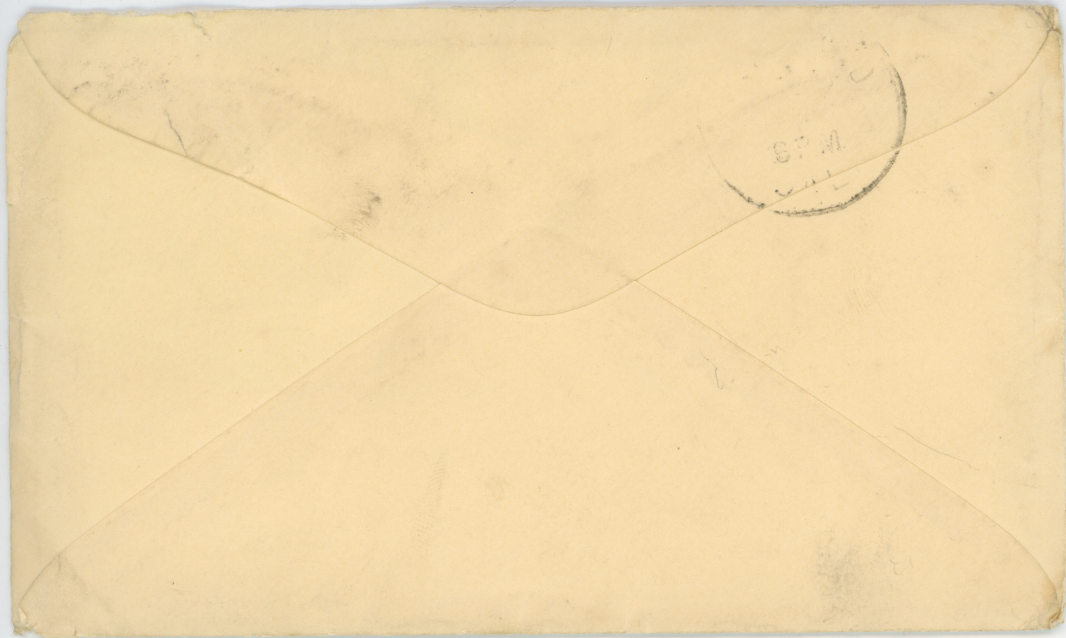
I enclose letter  
from Ling May's which I  
thought you might like  
to see. Send it over to Charlie  
when you have read it. It  
is great things for him to  
write anything but business  
letters. Tell Miss Barry that  
I say I have no doubt from  
what I know of the olive that  
an uprooted tree might  
float on the waters a year  
and the leaves be fresh and  
green and the tree lodged  
at the end of that time. As  
as no one supposes the flood  
to have remained at its  
greatest height all the time



the vine which grows  
well on rocky hill sides  
might have been submerged  
but a short time. If she  
finds no harder knots than  
that in the Bible she will  
not have gone very deep.

About Uncle I can only  
say that we are looking for  
the end every hour. It  
may be today or it may  
be a day or two longer,  
tho I do not see how it  
can. Mrs. T. is still  
here, but feels almost  
as if it was impossible  
to stay and yet is too kind  
to go. She is a good woman.

I am feeling better  
than a few days ago. Clouds  
feel bright when the sun  
shines. L. E. S.





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